

THAT'S THE LAD, SAYS LOVELESS

MUSKOGEE RED IS IN PRISON

Springfield Officer Comes to Get Negro Who Was Arrested Here.

Chief of Police Loveless of Springfield came in last night and identified W. E. Thomas, the negro who was arrested here at the request of the Springfield officer.

"That's the lad," said Chief Loveless, when he saw the negro, "but his name isn't Thomas. It's Burion Vaughn."

Vaughn is wanted in Springfield for engaging in a knife fight last fall just before the carnival.

Deputy Sheriff George Couch went to Muskogee last night to get Vaughn's partner, Bob Rice. He arrested the negro at 2 a. m., this morning, and returned with his prisoner on the forenoon train.

The negroes will be taken to Springfield.

Chief Loveless also identified two negro girls who have been here with the negro boys who were arrested.

GEORGE WRIGHT IS IMPROVING

Commissioner Is Now at Breslin Hotel in New York City.

Muskogee, March 9.—George Wright, commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, is at the Breslin Hotel in New York City, and is rapidly recovering from his recent operation.

Didn't Wed

Shattuck, Ok., March 7.—The youthful couple that ran away from here a few days ago to get married have been returned, still unwedded.

The boy is 14, and the girl 15. The kids went to Lipscomb, Tex., and endeavored to get a license from County Clerk Shutterly, but he told them to go back home and go to school six or seven years and then return. About that time the father of the girl made his appearance and took the girl home to her mother, the boy returning with them.

Yes Marie, this is the time of year to make soap.

LIQUOR CHARGE WOULDN'T STICK

Man with \$175 Placed Under \$500 Bond on Charge of Vagrancy

Pryor Creek, March 9.—When Tom Johnson a Cherokee Indian arrived here from Chetopa, Kan., with four quarts of whiskey in his possession he was at once arrested for introducing liquor. Unable to hold him on this charge he was charged with vagrancy and placed under \$500 bond in default of which he spent the day in jail. Later he was released and left for Muskogee. He had \$175 in his possession. Placing a man under a \$500 bond on a charge of vagrancy caused a sensation here.

WEST POINT ITEMS

Most of the farmers got their oats in during the good weather.

Miss Savoia Mitchell of Centralia spent Sunday with home folks.

Frank Roper, of Miami, visited over Sunday with D. C. Roper and family.

A new boy arrived recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Vandever.

Claude Mitchell and Oliver Tyler visited in Welch Sunday.

Dated March 8.

CHEROKEE SNAKES WANT TEXAS LAND

Astonish Indian Agent By Producing Documents By Which They Claim Four Counties.

Muskogee, March 6.—"Muskogee Red" started out in search of trouble Saturday and had no difficulty in locating a large bunch of it. He was thrown out of one of the local printing offices when he tried to start something and later got whipped by the foreman for returning. At 5:15 he was arrested for being drunk, and was "thrown into prison," as he calls it. A little more such treatment as he received Saturday and a great deal less pampering at the hands of those he panhandles would soon make a man out of Muskogee Red.

the matter under advisement, and so told the Indians, and they departed as silently as they had come, leaving behind them the document in order that it might be used in presenting the claim. Mr. Kelsey and his chief clerk, Captain Mossman, have since been busy investigating the why and how of the remarkable claim.

It seems that sometime about 1830 a large band of Cherokees and allies, about 8,000 in number, had started to Mexico, having felt to severely the pressure of the white man in Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee, their old hunting grounds. In those days Texas was Mexico, and the Indians settled in the districts outlined in the document. Negotiations were on foot with the Mexican government by which the Cherokee band would be confirmed in their possession of the land, but at about that time the Texas rebellion broke out. Both the Mexicans and Texans began bidding for the favor of the Indians, as they had warriors to the number of 1,900 or more. The Texans, aided by the great influence of Sam Houston, won out by guaranteeing to the Cherokees their possession of the country in which they had settled. It seems, however, that the guarantee was made by a commission appointed to come to terms with the Cherokees, and was never confirmed by the Texas government. As soon as the trouble with the Mexicans had ceased, the action of the commission was repudiated by the Texas senate in secret session and against the strenuous opposition of Sam Houston, who had been the main party to bring the agreement about.

The Cherokees were then ordered to vacate the lands. They did not do so, and soldiers of the state of Texas were sent to make them get out of the country, which they did, coming to where they now reside in the state of Oklahoma.

PENNIES FOR THEIR PAINS

Robbers Who Blew Frisco Safe At Quapaw Get Water Haul

Quapaw, March 9.—The safe of the Frisco depot at this place was blown open and a small amount in pennies and nickels was taken. The shock was heard at 3:11 a. m., but it aroused no one. The robbers got into the office through the east window, and nothing was damaged except the safe, the door being blown off. It looked like a professional job. The agents remit every evening and leave no money in the safe over night.

CONSTITUTION NOW IN VAULT

Three Attempts Had Been Made to Steal Original Copy.

Guthrie, Ok., March 9.—The original copy of the Oklahoma constitution was brought into the senate chamber and inspected by a committee of three. It was then placed in a fireproof vault. Secretary Bill Gross said that three attempts had been made to steal the copy.

PEOPLE'S PARTY WILL PERFORM

Princes and Potentates Will Perforate The Phatmosphere With Powerful Perorations.

Guthrie, March 6.—The state convention of the people's party of Oklahoma will be held here on March 18 to select twelve delegates to attend the national convention in St. Louis on April 2.

The platform will declare for government ownership of all public utilities, the initiative and referendum system, and condemn the Oklahoma guaranty deposit banking law as compelling the people to pay interest for the use of their own money.

The first county convention will be held at Mangum next Saturday.

The Oklahoma delegation will be instructed for F. W. Jacobs of Kingfisher for president.

"Scotty"

That boy Scotty Thompson of the Welch Watchman is one of the wittiest fellows that ever happened and it's a dull week in Welch when there isn't something doing in the columns of his paper. The writer worked with Scotty in the palmy days of the old Kansas City Globe, seventeen years ago, when Louis Hammerslaugh was running a clothing store down on Main street that he might be permitted to have some fun running a newspaper up the hill on Walnut. Scotty came to town fresh from the green fields of Kansas, with aitalla in his sun-kissed locks, and the writer came to town fresh from the mossback hills of old Missouri, with sandburns in his whiskers. Those were great days in Kansas City journalism, and the stunts the new reporter did were sometimes pathetic and often heart-rending. The Star was just getting a good hold in the field, the Journal was in bad repute, the Times was tottering, and the Globe was making a hard fight for supremacy. The reporter who could spin the biggest yarn, or, in other words, the reporter who could tear the largest chunk out of the blanket, was the reporter who made the biggest hit with his managing editor and got the free base ball tickets. And be it said Scotty Thompson nearly always went to the ball game.

The writer was appalled by being permitted to spend his own money at a church social. But time brought changes. A cyclone struck the Globe one day and dreams of the future were suddenly shattered by a sudden realization that the only real tool in hand was badly perforated. The Journal was rescued by the Santa Fe railway and other newspaper interests which turned an angle, and when, by the way, the Journal is finally sold, the Tribune says John can singletail with the Star, which has succeeded in becoming "the Star of the first magnitude, a great advertising quantity, ranging from political news to technical publicity." The telegrams arrived the Kansas City newspapers—Bill Allen, White, Alfred Henry Lewis, and others—in those days were known as Missouri millionaires, but in later years they have all reformed and even Scotty Thompson has cut out all the "funny business" except when he "hears a rumor" about somebody selling boozes in Vinita.

The people call in Oklahoma great things from Owen. His good showing on the floor of the senate has encouraged them, and they are now awaiting fresh results. They have unbounded confidence in his ability. As a banking expert he has a fund of knowledge which equals that of any man in the upper house. He also is a lawyer of excellent ability, and on one occasion he is said to have received a fee of \$250,000 for his services in a case in which his Indian constituents were principals.

Against Taft

Reno, Nevada, March 7.—The republican state central committee met yesterday and a noisy session lasted to pass resolutions denouncing the Roosevelt administration or mentioning one word for the candidacy of Taft.

SELLING RIGH WIVES FOR \$5.00

McAlester Victim Is Now In Chicago To Testify Before Grand Jury.

McAlester, Ok., March 6.—Philip Chandler went to Chicago yesterday to testify before the federal grand jury in the hearing of a case of a Mrs. Scott, who, it is alleged, conducted a fraudulent matrimonial bureau. He says he had some correspondence with the agency and that he had been offered a rich wife for the sum of \$5.00 and that he had sent the money and he received a woman's picture. This, he said, sorrowfully, was all he got for his five.

"Mrs. Scott," who is at the head of "The Scott Matrimonial Agency," has been charged with conducting business contrary to the postal laws. She did a land office business while she was free to pursue her work.

Chandler is a coal miner employed by the Osage Mining company at Krebs and makes his home at No. 5 mine. He is a single man but his associates never suspected that he was lonely and flirting with a matrimonial agency until he left for Chicago, where he said he was going to testify before the federal grand jury.

Missed The Rabbit

Stigler, Okla., March 7.—Justice Frank Cox of Haskell county, has established the record for enforcement of the game law. A man was arrested and brought before him charged with killing quail out of season. He stated that he had shot at a rabbit and accidentally killed the quail, and that it was the only one he had killed. The justice assessed a fine of \$25 and costs with the injunction that hunters ought to be more careful about shooting at rabbits.

ROSE ITEMS

Jess Ridge came home from the Male Seminary Saturday and will return Wednesday.

Horn to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wickliff ajar.

There's a new ferry boat at the River crossing and we are to have regular mail delivery once more. It is hoped.

Several farmers are planting potatoes and sowing onions.

During church Sunday night at Welch there were several attempts made to steal horses, but the thieves escaped without the horses being so closely watched.

Wild onions have once more made their appearance.

Lure Jackson bought a fine work horse from his brother Tom near town.

Indications are now for a bumper fruit crop of all kinds.

J. B. Duncan transacted business in Pine Creek Tuesday.

Postmaster J. W. Bagdad has moved his post office from his dwelling to the Johnson & Tracy store.

Frank Ward went to Doggs Saturday morning.

Walt Duncan of Park Hill visited relatives here this week.

Peaches and plums are in full bloom and many of the bushes are in full leaf.

Locust Grove is honey order post office now.

John E. Duncan has received the sad news of the death of his aunt Bettie Duncan. She leaves several children and a host of friends to mourn her death.

Dated Feb. 2.

New Jail

The new jail, consisting of two cages, 6x9 feet and corridor, were received Monday morning and are being set up by the company experts in the Bailey building two doors south of the postoffice. The outfit looks up-to-date and is a credit to the county. The cost of the jail exceeds better than \$20,000. Grove Sun.

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